



BLM Airspace E-Mail Newsletter

Celebrating 100 years of aviation



Fire Traffic Area adopted by the BLM and DOI

We are celebrating 100 years of aviation in 2003.

The centennial anniversary celebration of the Wrights' monumental 59-second flight on December 17, 1903 **took place** in the Outer Banks of North Carolina {what date}. That flight changed the world forever. The airspace we now fly in has changed forever as well. Following 9/11, a pilot faces greater risks to a certificate than anytime in the previous 100 years. A license may be revoked or suspended without due process. This makes it even more important for us to disperse airspace information to all our pilots and aviation resources.

The BLM Airspace information System, <http://airspace.blm.gov>, provides a flight planning feature that allows you to rapidly view any airspace conflict(s) (TFR's, restricted or prohibited airspace, etc.). You may view the planned flight route on current navigational charts. It does all the things you would expect a flight planning program to do plus it's easy to use.

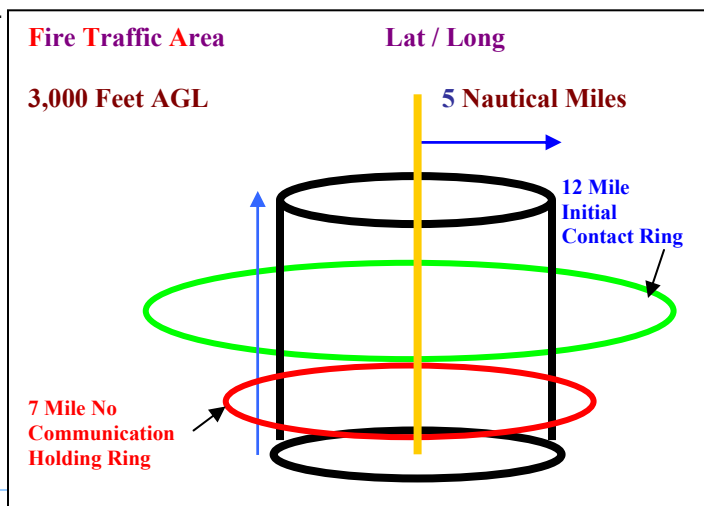
Log-in and password information is available from the BLM National Aviation Office. Log-in and passwords have been provided to all our DOI partners, the USFS, and tanker, helicopter and all other pilots we work with. A complete user's guide for the flight planning section is available on our contractor's website, <http://www.aeroplanner.com> or on the BLM aviation website at aviation.blm.gov or <http://www.fire.blm.gov/aviation/>.

Fire Traffic Area, FTA

The BLM and Department of the Interior have developed a Fire Traffic Area Policy. You will find a PowerPoint presentation under Airspace at the BLM NAO aviation website at <http://www.fire.blm.gov/aviation/>.

Key points to the FTA are:

- **Initial radio call** at 12 NM and a
- **7 NM hold** if no communication or clearance has been received.



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We're on the Web!

<http://airspace.blm.gov>
<http://aviation.blm.gov>

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Temporary Flight
Restrictions

The National Aviation Office has a new website

You will find a great deal of information from state aviation plans to SEAT, helicopter, tanker guides and procedures (as well as useful links). The website address is:

External: <http://www.fire.blm.gov/aviation/>

Internal: <http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/aviation/index.htm>

We should have the quick links up and running by the time you receive this, and they are www.aviation.blm.gov or aviation.blm.gov whichever works best for you.

Useful Tips for the Flight Planning Section

<http://airspace.blm.gov>

- **Log in to the Flight Planning Section.**
- **On the upper left side of the page go to Flight Planning, then Pro flight Planner**
- **Enter the points , airports, lat-longs, etc., and view the planned route**
- **Airspace information *quickly* appears below the route:**

Warning: Your Route Intersects Or Is Near Temporarily Restricted Airspace
Click For NOTAMS: [3/4381](#)

- **The Route** can be displayed on a wide variety of *current* charts, WAC, sectional, terrain, low and high enroute. This is all downloadable into palm pilots or laptops. Make a moving map with current charts.

<http://airspace.blm.gov>

Even <http://www.airspace.blm.gov> works!

The BLM Airspace Information System is the **only** website that graphically plots **all** Temporary Flight Restrictions (national security, wildland fire, stadium and nuclear facilities). The system is reviewed by an analyst **7 days a week** throughout the year. This ensures the accuracy of the TFR plot for safety and legality as many TFR's contain errors and do not plot correctly.

Department of the Interior Fire Aviation Partners



The BLM, BIA, Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service will be participating in EAA AeroVenture 2003.

More than 800,000 people are expected to attend this international 10-day event in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. We hope to share our BLM Airspace Information System with many of them. Two computer terminals with the <http://airspace.blm.gov> web site displayed will be available for pilots to use during the event. External Affairs has been lending a great deal of support in our effort.

TFR's to-date (approximately) <http://airspace.blm.gov>

- **FIRE** **NON-FIRE**
- **57** **482**